

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this Application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 5-16 are pending in the present application, Claims 1-4 and 8-15 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and Claim 16 having been amended.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 5-7 and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the courtesy of a telephone interview extended to Applicants' representative on August 19, 2005. During the telephone interview, Fig. 1, Claim 16, and the rejections included in the outstanding Office Action were discussed. During the interview, a proposed amendment to Claim 16 was discussed and the Examiner acknowledged that the proposed amendment to Claim 16 appeared to overcome the current grounds of rejection. The present amendment to Claim 16 is similar to what was discussed during the interview, and is believed to more clearly describe the claimed invention.

Claim 16 is amended to recite "a maximum value of a distance parallel to said surface of said substrate between said pn junction and an end of the isolator is not more than  $2\mu\text{m}$ , when a direction from said end of the isolator toward the isolator in parallel to said surface of said substrate is taken as a positive direction." Support for the amendment to Claim 16 is found, for example, in Fig. 1 and the specification at page 13, lines 10-14 and page 14, lines 11-12. Thus, no new matter is added.

A person of ordinary skill in the art would be able to make a simple measurement to determine if a maximum value of a distance parallel to said surface of said substrate between said pn junction and an end of the isolator is not more than  $2\mu\text{m}$  without undue experimentation.

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Consequently, in light of the above discussion and in view of the present amendment, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and an early and favorable action to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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